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EASTER SURPRISES



Brian Pickett and his son, Allan, 11 months, hunt Easter eggs Saturday on the soccer field.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Kaifes takes women's reins

P. NICHOLAS PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Interim head coach Carrie Kaifes, chosen this year's MIAA coach of the year, has been selected to lead the team at the helm for the Lady Lions next season. Kaifes led the Lady Lions to the MIAA tournament championship in March.

It has been a very comfortable month and we are happy to be where we are today," said Sallie Beard, women's athletic director. "We are with the direction the program is going and we know Carrie Kaifes can keep us going in that direction. She has led the team admirably."

Beard commended Kaifes for the way she brought the team together and led the play-

She showed a lot of leadership," Beard said. "She brought a team together that was mostly newcomers. Her team gelled around

her and responded to her type of leadership." Freshman Stephanie Plemons was also pleased to see Kaifes named as head coach.

"We were all really excited and really enthused," Plemons said. "I was thrilled. Kaifes is really in touch with the players, as far as being there for them."

"She makes it a family effort. She taught us it is all teamwork," Plemons said. "That's what got us through all year. We had a lot to deal with all year, and the teamwork got us through."

Kaifes said it was difficult to continue her duties as coach while waiting for the search committee to make its recommendation to Beard.

"Recruiting for next season was difficult," Kaifes said. "It was hard to sell the program to potential players because a new coach may not have wanted to sign the same players I did. Luckily it ended before the signing date."

The signing date for new recruits began Wednesday.

Kaifes said by teaching the players teamwork and showing them how to believe in themselves, Southern will continue to have success.



Kaifes

STUDENT SERVICES

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• Vice president for student services, 1984-present



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PHYSICAL PLANT

Aging College vehicles prime for replacements

Monetary problems lead to depreciation of rental fleet

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Whoever coined the phrase, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease," probably never rode in one of Missouri Southern's vehicles, but must have been familiar with budget and spending policies.

As the "squeaking" of the aging vehicles in the College's rental fleet gets louder, so does the "squeaking" of the faculty and students who depend on those vehicles. Average mileage of the 10 vehicles tops 110,000 miles, and Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, estimates breakdowns at about one per month.

Southern baseball players were the most recent vehicle victims. One of the team's vans broke down at the gas station right before leaving for a game in Bolivar.

"We had to squeeze 19 baseball players in a 15-passenger van and eight more in a station wagon," said Jim Frazer, men's athletic director. "I consider that very dangerous."

The condition of the vehicles came under the scrutiny of the faculty welfare committee last fall.

"Our gravest concern is that we're going to get someone killed in one of these vehicles," said Ed Wuch, a member of the committee.

"I would say the problem has become acute in the last two to three years," Beeler said. "Virtually every department on this campus has expressed concern about the rental fleet. We're hearing them, and we're doing something about it."

The most immediate solution to the problem is a new van, or at least

the promise of a new van. One was ordered last fall and has not arrived yet. Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, thought it would arrive next week, but Beeler expects to see it in about four weeks.

An additional van will be ordered when money for the new fiscal year becomes available July 1.

In the meantime, faculty and students continue to deal with the frustration of unreliable transportation, a problem that will not be entirely solved by the addition of a new van.

"Over the last three years, [the condition of the vehicles] seems to be continuous deterioration," said Tom Rutledge, men's track coach. "The maintenance department does a great job, but you can only tape it together so many times."

Common complaints about the vehicles include steering problems and engine compression problems, Beeler said.

"This is the first year I have not been able to take some of our athletes to track meets because of vehicle breakdowns," Rutledge said. "I had a meet scheduled in Pittsburg, and I had to cut my squad. That takes away from kids who have trained very hard."

Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, has found a way to avoid the risk of breakdown.

"In the last month, we have gone to Enterprise to rent vehicles," she said. "It costs about the same, and we are guaranteed a clean vehicle and a safer vehicle."

Fees for the use of College vehicles are set at 25¢ per mile for cars, 35¢ per mile for vans, and 75¢ per mile for mini-buses. Each department pays for vehicle use from its own budget.

"We did a cash-flow analysis to establish those rates, and we review it periodically," Beeler said.

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Bob Beeler

Director of the physical plant

VETERAN VEHICLES

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1986 Chevy	161
1989 Chevy	128
1990 Chevy	109
1991 Olds	81
1993 Olds	26

VANS

1986 Dodge	125
1988 Dodge	117
1988 Dodge	115

BUSES

1985 Ford	147
1990 Ford	76



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Confusion leads to school's name change

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Due to confusion in its exact name, the school of education, psychology, and physical education has decided to simplify its name to the school of education.

Along with the school of education taking form next fall, the department of education will be known as the department of teacher education, and the department of physical education will change its name to the department of kinesiology, according to Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education, psychology, and physical education.

"There was some confusion to what the name of the school actually was,"

Horvath said. "We felt that we did not want a listing of the departments to be a school, but we wanted an all-inclusive name."

After taking an all-school retreat, Horvath said the concept of changing the school's name became a major topic of discussion between the school's faculty.

"We involved everybody in the decision

process," he said. "It was a consensus decision. It was made in the spirit of collegiality."

"I raised the issue because of some confusion when I first got here. I had heard [all of these different terms like] the school of education, school of physical education, school of education and psychology, and I was confused."

Horvath said certain College officials and organizations could not even give the correct name of the school.

"When we called around to the various

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Horvath

Dolence announces retirement after 27 years of service

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After 27 years of service to Missouri Southern, Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, has announced his retirement.

The resignation will go into effect June 30 with approval from the Board of Regents.

Dolence, 59, said the decision was not sudden.

"My wife (Myrna Dolence, former director of the Learning Center) retired last year," he said. "I told her I would give her a year to develop space, and I thought [retirement] would be an appropriate move."

College President Julio Leon said he was not surprised by Dolence's decision.

us he would work one to two more years and then retire," Leon said.

Leon and Dolence have a long history together at Southern.

"Dr. Leon and I came here at the same time—Aug. 1, 1969," Dolence said. "That year, a large group of faculty came in. We had our first graduating class, so we had all four years in operation at that point."

Dolence began his career at Southern as dean of men, a position that was later changed to dean of students.

"When I became president, I asked him to continue in his position of dean of student services," Leon said. "I felt he was a very capable person, and he has been outstanding. I'm sorry to see him retire, but we all have to retire sometime."

Dolence said he is not sure of his future plans, but said he will stay connected, in some way, to Southern.

"I have been either in school, going to school, or working in a school situation for more than 53 years," Dolence said. "You don't just walk away from something that has been a part of your life for 27 years. You always want to do more. You want to see more things done and like to be a part of it."

"It's going to be a whole new adventure for me not to go to the office or to a meeting each day," he said.

Dolence said he has fond memories of his time spent on Southern's campus.

"I've had a good time," he said. "I've met lots of excellent students, and I've enjoyed my years of service."

Leon said he has given no thought to who will take Dolence's position.

"It's already April," Leon said. "I don't want to be conducting a replacement search this late in the year. We have enough time to decide, so I don't see anything happening right now."

"I have been either in school, going to school, or working in a school situation for more than 53 years."

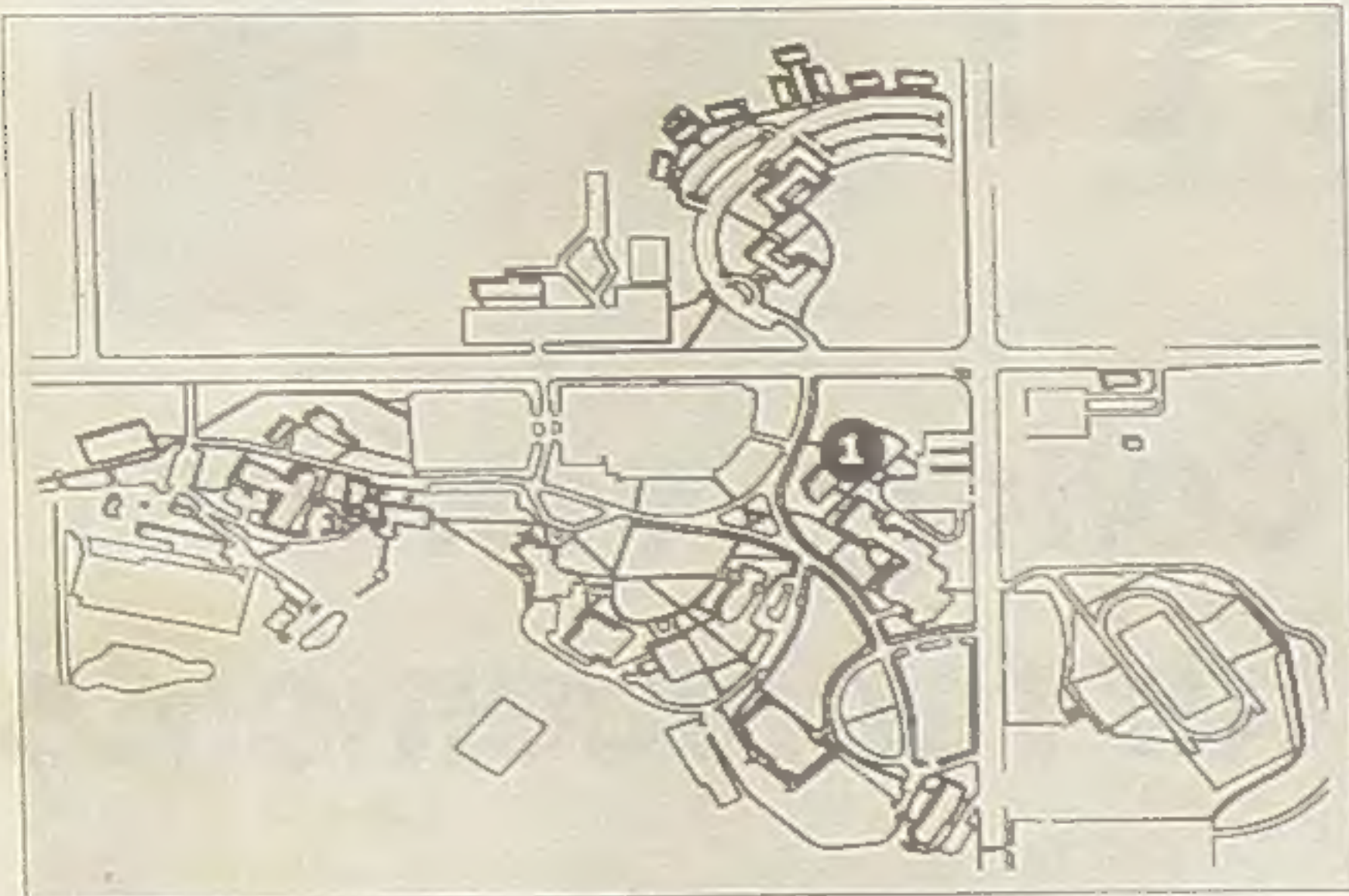
Dr. Glenn Dolence

Vice president for student services

We will evaluate what we want to do this summer.

"Dr. Dolence has been outstanding and has provided tremendous service," Leon said. "I wish him the best in his retirement, but if he wants to continue, he can."

SECURITY REPORT



1 04/08/96 WEBSTER HALL 9:55 a.m. & 1:35 p.m. For two separate incidents, campus security escorted Julia Foster, the College nurse, from Kuhn Hall to Webster Hall. The first time was to treat a student who was suffering from an asthma attack, and the second time was to examine a student who was having a seizure. The asthma victim was taken back to Kuhn Hall to rest, while the seizure victim was escorted home by friends.

EDUCATION: School to change name

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places on campus who should be able to tell us what the official name of the school was, we got some various types of opinions on that," he said.

Horvath said after researching the names of other schools of education at other institutions he decided to go with the single term of education.

"We did this with the idea that this include all of the departments and all the kind of things we do

that belong in the school," he said.

Besides the fact that the education department thought the term "education" had become too broad, Horvath said the term "teacher education" better suits it for the future.

"The function of that department is to prepare people to seek certification as teachers," he said. "So, the term 'teacher education' was a more logical way at looking at that department." □

TAYLOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Custodian falls to cancer

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON
ARTS EDITOR

After several months of ill health, Larry "Catfish" Leonard, custodian for Taylor Performing Arts Center, died of cancer at 9:15 p.m. Friday at St. John's Regional Medical Center. He was 61.

Mr. Leonard had been working as a custodian following his retirement in May 1994 after 44 years of working as a mechanic at Dan Stanley Ford and Goodyear.

He played minor league baseball for the Cleveland Indians and was an avid fisherman. His fishing rod and a baseball were buried with him.

"Some say he would have been a major leaguer if he had stayed with it,"

said Bob Lindquist, a custodian at TPAC. "And he went fishing all the time. He would catch 600-700 pounds of catfish a year and keep it in his freezer. I don't know what he did with it, maybe he gave it to his kids, but that's a lot of fish."

Mr. Leonard had a history of heart problems and had been off work the past six weeks.

He became the full-time night custodian for TPAC after Juan Castellanos died Oct. 27, 1994, of a heart attack.

"He (Leonard) was a very nice man," said Amanda Squires, freshman biology major. "He would come in (to the box office in TPAC where she works) and we would shoot the breeze."

"He'd call me 'Little Miss' all the time," she said with a smile.

He married Virginia Pike on Oct. 1984, in Miami, Okla. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Daniel Leonard, Neosho; three daughters, Cindy Embrey, Neosho, Laura Heritage, Joplin, and Linda Gardner, Jasper; a step-sister, Eva Lou Kall, Groveland, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren.

Service were held Monday at Thornhill-Dillon Mortuary with Rev. John Pigg officiating. Burial was in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lindquist, Castellanos, Greninger, Tom Kearney, McGatha, Billy Green, and Schultz, all employees of the College physical plant.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. □

VEHICLES: College rental vehicles in dire straits

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"Our goal is to make enough money to replace the vehicles, pay for the maintenance, and break even."

At 35¢ per mile, a van with 100,000 miles will have generated \$35,000. The three vans in the fleet average 119,000 miles, and the newest vehicle is a 1988 model.

"We needed to replace the vehicles, and the money wasn't there," Beeler said. "Monies, by necessity, were diverted to other things such as maintenance needs."

"At year end, we can't deficit spend like our federal government."

Sometimes there isn't money left to do what we intended to do."

In the last year, Beeler believes rental revenue was primarily diverted to other maintenance needs, but in previous years it may have been used in other areas as well.

"People have the idea that we track every single dollar of revenue that comes in and where exactly it goes, and we don't," Tiede said. "It all gets mingled in a big fund."

"I can tell you some of it went for gas, tires, and insurance, and some of it goes for the same types of things for the service fleet, which does not generate revenue."

According to Beeler, however, maintenance needs for the service fleet grounds equipment have a separate budget allowance.

In theory, he said, it should not be necessary to divert funds from rental revenue.

Bob Frost, who single-handedly maintains about 60 pieces of College equipment including the vehicles, supports a replacement policy.

"If it were up to me, we would replace vehicles out of the fleet at 100,000 miles," he said. "After that, while they may still be safe, they begin to become unreliable, considering use they get." □

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False alarms arise in recent weeks

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Two false fire alarms in as many weeks have caused inconvenience and confusion among the occupants of Hall, the College's men's residence hall.

The first incident occurred last night, and the second false alarm occurred early Friday.

Lamonte Blanford, who has been Blanford's residence hall director for three years, said false fire alarms are not a problem.

"I had a problem once, a couple years ago, and we couldn't find out who was doing it and getting away with it," he said.

Blanford finally caught him and put him in probation. He got put out of

school at the end of the semester, and since then we haven't had a big problem."

Blanford said three false alarms have occurred in the 1995-96 academic year.

"On the first one [this semester], we had a student less up," Blanford said.

"He said he accidentally bumped into it in the hallway, and that's a little hard to believe, but at least we know what happened."

"On the last one, we don't have a clue."

Josh Unkie, junior psychology major, saw the incident from a different angle.

"The first culprit was just joking around," he said, "acting like he was going to pull the alarm, and then he pulled it. Real smart. No one else has been caught."

Blanford said when a fire alarm sounds, each staff assistant follows the building's evacuation plan.

"The SAs know they have a job to do," he said.

"They check the building and

make sure everyone is out. We knock on each door, and sometimes we go ahead and key in to make sure each room is empty."

Tim Kerr, junior theatre major, is an SA in Blaine Hall who helped with the building check.

"I don't really know who was responsible, he said, "but I was not pleased to be wakened up at 1 a.m."

Scott Rainey, senior biology major, was among the students who were evacuated for each false alarm.

"I was sound asleep, but I think my roommate was awake doing something," he said.

"This last time was an inconvenience. It got in the way of what I was doing, and I'm sure other people were bothered, too. They always happen late at night when everyone's asleep and we have to stand outside and wait for them to let us back in the building."

Blanford said even though the fire alarms are false, they pose a certain threat to the building's

inhabitants.

"When they happen, they happen on the weekends or on Wednesday nights because that's the party night," he said.

"Students come back intoxicated and think it's fun."

"This last time, we had eight people who didn't come out until we knocked on their doors," he said. "With all the false alarms, the students are assuming it's just a false alarm and they don't leave. These alarms are for their own safety," Blanford said.

"Living in a building this large, it is possible for a student to start a fire—leave an iron on or something. It's not a joke. It's very serious. Someone could get hurt."

Blanford said the punishment for this behavior is severe.

"It's against the law," he said. "The normal punishment is being expelled from school. We don't like to kick people out in the middle of a semester."

"Hopefully, the alarms will not continue." □

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Lamonte Blanford
Men's residence hall director

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IGN LANGUAGES

Students ready for passports

ZABETH LOVLAND
EDITOR

Students will be getting their passports ready for the 22nd annual Modern Foreign Language Field Day at Missouri Southern.

More than 500 high school and junior students from the four-state area will be in places such as "Webster Land"

(Webster Hall) and "Angels Land" (the Billingsly Student Center).

This year's theme is "Windows of Opportunity."

Having a foreign language can certainly open windows of opportunity in many ways," said Dr. Hal Bodon, professor of French and German and this year's chair-



Bodon

The annual event is sponsored by the college's communications department.

In one of those service-oriented activities that we provide for the high school students," Bodon said.

Students in French, German, and Spanish are competing in such events as culture, reading comprehension, a vocabulary, a poster contest, and conversation.

Participants of the conversation contest will be "paid" in Francs, Pesos, Marks, which can be exchanged for

books, pencils, sombreros, pennants, and other mementos. Bodon said the event is a social challenge for the students.

"It gives the high school students a chance to get together and exercise their language in conversation," he said.

Bodon is assisted by the entire foreign language faculty, communications faculty, and about 50 college students.

"We rely heavily on our students," Bodon said. "Otherwise we couldn't do it." □

CAB LECTURE

'Weird America' to visit campus

For anyone who has marveled at mysteries such as the Amityville horror, explanations will be presented at 7 p.m. today in Webster Hall auditorium.

Peter Jordan, a long-time researcher of the paranormal, is bringing his "Weird America" show to Missouri Southern to share his findings on such subjects as spontaneous human combustion, poltergeists, haunted houses, and possessions.

Jordan has been researching the strange phenomenon for more than 15 years and has participated in many cases concerning the unusual. He has an advanced degree in psychology and has

experience teaching in this field.

"Weird America" is a presentation neither to prove nor disprove strange phenomena but to inform the public of Jordan's findings.

Jordan will offer slides and videos of some of the cases he has researched.

"Weird America" is a lecture consisting of two programs. The information presented tonight will be over the program dealing with unexplained mysteries. Jordan's other area of interest deals with such subjects as UFOs, spaceships, and abductions.

"Weird America" is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and is free to the public. □

STUDENT PROFILE



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Chris Owens, a sophomore business major, sits next to his painting reproduced from the group Smashing Pumpkins' CD cover.

'We wanted to add some extra life'

Sophomore adds spice to dreary parts of home

BY HEATHER DeMIER
CHART REPORTER

A Missouri Southern student has taken decorating his new apartment to the max.

"We wanted to add some extra life," said Chris Owens, a sophomore business major.

"We live in an older home, and it needed some personality."

Owens was helped by his roommate, Garry Moore, who also attends Southern. Together, they reproduced a picture from

the new Smashing Pumpkins' CD that covers the entire dining room wall.

"The dining room was the saddest, most dreary room in the house until we painted the mural," Owens said.

His decorating is seen throughout the house, with swirly blue paint on cabinets and Christmas lights on the basement ceiling.

Even the fireplace has a whole new look with help from Moore and another roommate, Ritchie Randall. Owens is currently outlining his door frame with a checkered pattern.

Owens enjoys many hobbies. Besides decorating, he plays soccer, is learning to play the guitar, and likes to work in the kitchen.

"I like making up my own seasonings,

like when I make stir-fry or when I grill things," he said.

Owens also enjoys spending time with his girlfriend of four years.

"We met our freshman year in high school, then started dating our sophomore year and have been together ever since," he said.

Along with taking 16 hours this semester, Owens works part-time at the Holiday Inn delivering room service. His favorite instructor is James Calton, who is teaching government this semester, filling in for Annette St. Clair, associate professor.

After college, Owens hopes to "be married, find a well-paying job, and have a nice home with a white picket fence and a dog in the front yard." □

STUDENT SENATE

Library committee debates policy

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Library policy dominated the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

Gary Crites, junior political science major, reported that a debate raged during the library committee meeting concerning the policy that grants students checkout privileges for magazines from Spiva Library.

"Apparently a faculty member put a suggestion in the library suggestion book," Crites said. "[The faculty member] wished that students wouldn't check out magazines because [the magazines] weren't there when [the faculty member] wanted to use them."

Crites said this wasn't the first time this had been an issue.

"The library committee has had this debate raised before, but it didn't get very far," he said. "Bob Black, resource librarian, said he was afraid if students were kept from checking out magazines, they would rip out the articles if they needed them."

John Weedn, Student Senate president, works in the library. He said he doesn't believe the problems were with the students.

"The students are pretty easy to get overdue items from, because that daily 10¢ fine can add up pretty fast. And when [the students] begin getting \$30 bills in the mail, [the library] usually gets the [checked-out items] back pretty quickly."

"I don't see a problem with the students checking out magazines," Weedn said, "but the faculty doesn't have the fines to worry with and sometimes they're the ones who are reluctant to return borrowed magazines."

Zak Kuhlman, sophomore biology major, believes the issue is irrelevant.

"It's hokey," he said. "The library is there for the students who don't have the resources they need at home."

Discussion continued, and Crites told the Senate the next library committee meeting would be May 8.

"I just wanted to inform the Senate about [the lending controversy] because I believed it could be a main concern to the student body," he said. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Outstanding faculty nominations available

Faculty, alumni, and students have the opportunity to nominate their favorite instructors for recognition in the 1995-96 Outstanding Teacher Awards, one of the College's most successful programs.

The awards give strong support to the recognition of academic excellence at Missouri Southern.

The Missouri Southern Foundation will provide a \$1,000 award each to two persons designated as Outstanding Teachers. The College is responsible for selecting the recipients.

To be eligible, faculty must be full-time, teach at least six credit hours a semester, and in at least the third year of teaching at Southern.

Nomination forms are available at Hearnes Hall, Reynolds Hall, Spiva Library, the BSC, Webster Hall, Taylor Hall, Young Gymnasium, Matthews Hall, Fine Arts Complex, and Ummel Technology. They should be completed and placed in campus mailbox 110, located in office services, Hearnes Hall Room 106. They are due no later than Friday, April 19. □

Teacher Placement Day set for Tuesday in BSC

Missouri Southern's career planning and placement office will hold a Teacher Placement Day from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Representatives from more than 50 school districts have registered to participate in the event, which will take place on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

All entry-level candidates and experienced education personnel are invited to attend.

There is no advanced registration necessary and no registration fee.

Those attending are encouraged to bring résumés.

For additional information, persons may call 625-9343. □

Southern to participate in national conference

Along with 2,000 other organizations across the United States and Canada, Missouri Southern will serve as a local host for the third annual National Bereavement Teleconference sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of America from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

"Living with Grief: After Sudden Loss," the title of the national teleconference, will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News and will feature a distinguished panel of experts.

A group of local panelists will participate in a dialogue after the national conference.

Local panelists will include Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology; Doug Monroe, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); one of the national cosponsors; and Wayne Woodard, of Mason-Woodard Chapel & Mortuary.

The cost of the teleconference is \$11.

"Individuals, families, even communities often suffer sudden and traumatic losses," said Jack D. Gordon, president of the Hospice Foundation of America.

"We want to do what we can to assist individuals in mourning, as well as physicians and nurses, clergy, social workers, teachers, police, and emergency service personnel who deal professionally with traumatic death so they can respond effectively to survivors in need."

There will be opportunities for viewers to participate during live call-in segments.

To reserve a seat, persons may call 625-9577. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

'I am back at the helm of my life'

Fresh out of high school with an ego that wouldn't quit, I headed for college in 1987 without looking back.

I was determined to fit in and erase that "good little girl" image I had. I was my own boss with no curfew and no rules except my own.

I made some friends, attended a few parties, and made scads of memories. However, there is one memory I wish I could forget.

Dating was something I had little experience with, but I knew I wanted to remain a virgin until I married that "someone special." I guess you can say I was a little old-fashioned.

One of the parties I just had to attend ended with an act of violence I will never forget.

As the party dwindled down and most of the crowd was gone or in a state of inebriation, I was approached by a guy I didn't know.

He dragged me to the bathroom and locked the door. Then he pinned me down on the floor and raped me. Some first time, huh?

Rape was something that happened to someone else, not to me—or so I thought.

I had never felt so degraded. I wanted to die. Slowly, I watched myself become a shell of a person with many missing pieces.

I tried to pretend it didn't happen. By throwing myself into school activities, I would camouflage the pain.

But all the while, I felt like all my rights and privacy were stripped away along with my pride and self-esteem. I had no sense of self-worth; there was nothing left of me.

Finally, with God's help, after a couple of years of wondering what I had done or worn that night to warrant the violation, I stopped hiding behind the mask and dealt with it. I was the victim, and I was sick of being that victim. I realized nothing justifies such an act.

After another year, I met the man who is now my husband. He really understood me and helped me to trust the male population again. I think he was the first piece in my shell of a life that fit into place.

I was burned out on school anyway, so I quit college and got married. I felt my life slowly getting back on track, but I had dreadful nightmares for the longest time.

Two children later, the puzzle was nearly complete. But there was still a void in the middle of my soul that needed to be filled.

I had to come back to school because it was my goal to get my communications degree, and if I didn't finish I'd be letting the past get the best of me.

Well, I did come back, and I am ecstatic. I guess I am using this column as a forum to claim my life again. I am in control!

I am no longer that shell of a person I once was. I am back at the helm of my own life. Did you hear what I said? I am taking my life back!

Wow, that felt so wonderful; I have waited too long to say that. I hope if there is anyone out there feeling that their life is in the trenches, they will do the same.

Do whatever it takes, but get your life back now because it's too short to let something or someone get the best years of it. □



Stephanie Goad
City News Editor



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Deplorable fleet endangers trips

Al it would take is a priority list, and at the top should be the word "vehicles." The College immediately needs to address its decrepit transportation fleet by implementing a phase-in, phase-out system.

The condition of the College's rental vehicles is nothing short of deplorable. The average mileage of the 10 vehicles is more than 110,000 miles. Seven of the 10 vehicles read 109,000 miles or better. That may be seven too many. In the interest of not only safety but also convenience, the College should phase out a vehicle which reaches 100,000 miles and replace it with a new one.

The lack of adequate transportation is at the top of the "not-cutting-if" list of many faculty and students, especially the athletic department. The attempt to buy new vehicles has not been effective recently because the College has had significant other projects to indulge.

Field trips are an important aspect of the educational process,

but thoughtful instructors would have to think twice before risking the safety of the students. As it is now, the three 15-passenger vans are booked months in advance, making most field trips unlikely.

Trips in College vehicles are a crap shoot, at best. Maybe you'll make it, maybe you won't. The baseball team didn't even make it out of town last weekend.

The bureaucracy or individual who is in charge of spending the cash around here should make a priority list. The list should have "College vehicles" right at the top, without ad lib.

Had the College dealt with the situation five years ago, this wouldn't be a problem. We ask those in charge to institute a policy of adding one new van to the fleet each year and eliminating vehicles once they hit 100,000 miles.

As an institution where success and failure depends on the livelihood of the students and faculty, shouldn't their safety be an absolute concern? □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

'...contest makes sex, created by God, a game'

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 reads, "It is God's will that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable..." (NIV). This verse taken from the Bible says that we should keep sex pure. God never intended sex to be used outside of marriage.

There is a contest on campus that allows a student to guess the number of condoms in a bowl. If guessed correctly, he wins those condoms and a dinner. This type of contest makes sex, created by God, a game. God didn't create sex to be a game.

Before anyone writes back in retaliation

to this letter, let me refute a couple of likely attacks.

Attack 1: "We do not encourage others to have sexual intercourse, but if they insist on doing so, we ask that they use a condom."

Response: It is true that you are not speaking to them encouragement, but you are encouraging them, nonetheless, by giving them condoms. Actions speak louder than words!

If a person contemplating suicide came to you for help, would you give him a gun and say, "I would not like you to commit suicide, but if you insist, here is a gun?"

Attack 2: "I don't believe in God, and His laws don't apply to me."

Response: God's laws are universal. They are the moral government whether you believe in Him or not.

If our generation continues to involve itself in pre-marital sex, we will likely escalate the prominence of AIDS, unwed mothers, and abortions. And most dreadfully, we will set bad examples for our children.

Is that what kind of future you want for America? Not me!

Robert Moss
Freshman business major

With hyphenated groups, we can't live together

Most conservatives (black and white alike) oppose preferential treatment based on race. They base their arguments on the premise that one cannot correct the problems of the past by discriminating against another group through racial quotas, set-asides, and so forth. Let's face it: Affirmative action is still discrimination, it's just been dressed up in presentable attire.

I've read the writings of conservative blacks who would never accept employment based on their race. The writers claim that it would be an insult to work in a position that was reserved for someone of a "culturally diverse background." One writer, Thomas Sowell, wrote of a black college professor who declined an employment offer once he found out that the position had been specifically created for a "black professor."

From those who sit in the ivory towers of the media, the federal government, and the academic elite, the cry goes forth. Like drones, we are expected to blindly follow

their pronouncements. We are told to identify with our cultural heritage. (Provided it isn't Western European, of course. In that case we are supposed to be ashamed and repentant of those who were our ancestors.)

Consequently, we have intentionally set various groups against one another in the name of "cultural heritage" and diversity. While these various programs may sound pretty good at first glance, in the long run these misguided efforts are part of the problem. With so many hyphenated groups in our society it's no wonder we can't come together and live in peace.

I believe most of those who promote these views do so with good intent, but the policy is hopelessly flawed. People must accept responsibility for themselves and their actions. Unfortunately, personal responsibility isn't in vogue today. It's much more popular to listen to the gurus and self-appointed experts as they chant the mantra of victimization. As victims, we remove from ourselves the burden of

responsibility. After all, it must be someone else's fault that we can't achieve our goals. As long as we view ourselves as belonging to a particular subgroup there will always be someone else to blame for our perceived inequalities. And until we come together as Americans (without the various prefixes), we will never begin to solve our problems.

People from all over the globe have come to the United States and prospered. Here, there is opportunity for all. However, if we don't come out from behind our various ethnic and minority masks and commit ourselves to our country and to the principles upon which it was founded, we could very well be leaving a legacy of unimaginable ethnic violence to our children. You want true multiculturalism? Take a good long look at the rubble that used to be called Yugoslavia.

John Fisher
1995 graduate in business administration

IN PERSPECTIVE

Look at life from other perspectives

Being that the title of this column is "In Perspective," I see no better reason why we shouldn't discuss our life in perspective.

In so many of life's situations, we choose to see only our own perspective, our own point of view. Allow me to elaborate.

After a phone conversation which lasted well into the early morning hours, I gained a better understanding of my brother's life after our parents split up. Dave was 9 and I was 5.

Being that I was so young, my age shielded me from the brunt of the divorce.

Therefore, I have spent 15 1/2 years assuming that Dave's life was affected the same or at least as my own. Since he's older and much more mature, he experienced "child as parent" syndrome.

He felt that he should take responsibility of raising me, taking care of our mother the way he knew how. He felt he had to step up and take on the parental role that our father no longer fulfilled.

I am amazed at how I never saw the situation from his perspective. We lived in the same house for at least 13 years, both of us had two very different points of view.

Dave saw the situation for what it really was, I saw it from a more naive standpoint. I only saw it until we compared notes and shared our stories.

Basically, they are the same story but he helped me to understand what really happened those years we were growing up.

I never saw or understood what my brother went through and how it affected him. I assumed he was as shielded as I was; needless to say, I was mistaken.

I made the comment to him, "It is amazing we turned out as wonderful as we did, considering that we were subjected to." Well, all he was subjected to.

As I look at the past, I was quite ethnocentric in that I was judging Dave's situation using my understanding by which to make my judgment.

My conversation has given me newfound respect for my brother. This conversation has brought us closer together, more than any other experience we have ever gone through.

I can't encourage you enough to take the time to compare notes with your siblings or maybe just a friend that you have had a falling out with. It may facilitate a lot of healing.

This is just another one of the lessons. In many situations we tend to see what we want to see, it is quite unnatural for us to see ourselves in someone else's shoes.

We don't see the situation through others' eyes. I believe we could avoid a lot of conflict if we would just take a step back and put our own biases aside.

It is just a suggestion: what do we have to lose? What do we have to gain? I leave with these questions to ask and answer yourself. □



M. Waggorn
psychology major

Vernon: Computers are 'for everyone'

By ALICE CARLSON
STAFF WRITER

As society plunges into the new technology age, Missouri Southern's school of business is working to ease the transition for students.

"Our overall goal is to have the computer used as a tool," said James Gray, dean of the school. The school of business currently has about 45 computers available to students.

"Every class I teach this semester uses the computer," said Dr. T.A. Vernon, assistant professor of business. "It has gotten to the point where the computer is so much easier to use, not just for technical people, but for everyone."

Vernon is teaching a new class in the fall, titled Spreadsheet Modeling and Decision Analysis. This course is an introduction to commonly used decision-making techniques and their implementation.

Some topics to be covered include financial decision-making tools, optimization techniques, business forecasting, decision analysis, goal programming, project management, simulation, and multi-criteria decision-making techniques. Students will use the Internet to communicate with the instructor and explore on-line resources.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Class makes trip to cave laboratory

Outside science' provides chances for outdoor study

By ALICE CARLSON
STAFF WRITER

At Missouri Southern, biology courses are not always held in the traditional classroom.

Much of the learning takes place outside, during field trips.

"We have a number of courses that regularly take field trips," said Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department.

"Biology is outside science, and I think it is critical that students get outside as much as possible in the appropriate classes."

On March 6, Messick took his General Biology class on a one-day seminar at the Ozark Underground Laboratory, east of Branson.

The Ozark Underground Laboratory is a cave that's in its natural state but it has been modified to the extent that it is as easy to get around in," said, "but it is certainly not a developed cave."

The cave is owned and managed by Dr. Tom Aley, who, with the help of his wife, established the laboratory in the cave about 20 years ago. It is used mainly for special educational seminars for college students.

During the seminar, Dr. Aley takes the students an above-ground session in the morning

where he talks about karst topography," Messick said, "which refers to the development of cave and sink holes."

"He talks a lot about cave formation, karst topography, and some of the implications under which sink holes form."

"He talks about the ecology of the cave and the organisms, and we see a large number of different organisms," he said.

The ecology and environmental biology classes conduct many of their labs outside, and all of the environmental health courses routinely take field trips.

"We are trying to use the resources very close to campus if we can," Messick said.

"Biomes is a course that is actually a field trip course. The class usually takes a trip to the west, to the Rocky Mountains."

"They go to an ecosystem, to an environment they don't usually see around here."

Cara Lunn, freshman biology major, plans to attend a field trip with her Zoological Survey class at the end of the semester for extra credit.

"We are going to name all the different species of animals we see," Lunn said.

"From what I understand, we are going to get on a bus and drive into the middle of nowhere."

"We will be walking through forest and wading through stream looking for animals."

"The more animals we name, the more extra credit we get," she added. "We could get 50 or 60 points, enough to raise one letter grade."

The course will be "hands on," Vernon said. "It is not just for business majors, because everyone will have business applications in almost any job. Students should leave the course with excellent spreadsheet skills and a good understanding of practical business problem-solving skills."

Another class is Virtual Marketing, taught by Dr. Brad Kleindl, assistant professor of business.

"This class looks at marketing using virtual computer technology," Kleindl said. "We focus on using the Internet as a marketing tool, using data bases, and generating interactive advertising. Also, we look at how to manage businesses that are using new technology or need to move into new technology."

One project the students work on in this class is a type of on-line résumé. This résumé combines a plethora of sounds, colors, and impressive graphics to be sent out via the Internet to prospective employers.

"Basically, I'm trying to get the students to have enough background skills to be able to get jobs in the new workplace," Kleindl said.

Dr. David Smith, assistant professor of business, teaches Accounting Information Systems.

"The way I'm teaching it," Smith said, "the

class is all computerized, as far as what the students are doing. We are trying to integrate more and more computer work, particularly with accounting, because so much of this kind of work needs to be done on the computer."

"I just started teaching here last August," Smith added, "but I've noticed what we do here at Missouri Southern so far out-strips what the school I was previously at does, which has one of the best computer science programs. The students here learn so much more."

Dr. Elizabeth Rozell, assistant professor of business, teaches a Strategic Management course that gives students hands-on experience in the business field.

"This class takes all the business classes that the seniors have had and kind of pulls it all together," Rozell said. "The students get to see how all the different business disciplines are interrelated."

"The class is divided into teams, and each team is a company. They get to run their own company using a computer, and they make all the decisions that they would make as if they were running their own company. They make purchasing decisions, hire and fire personnel, train people, make improvements to their products, and just the whole gambit—they do it all."

Our overall goal is to have the computer used as a tool.



James Gray
Dean of the
school of business

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Sergeant First Class David White helps (from left) Doni Sportsman, Tom Hubbard, Lisa Packwood, and Ace Eckhoff land navigate during wilderness survival skills training at the National Guard Armory on 32nd Street.

Students find ways 'out of the woods'

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

On one of the first warm days of spring, 15 students of Sheri Beeler's Theory and Technique of Dance and Exercise class drove out to the National Guard Armory to practice wilderness survival skills.

"This, obviously, would fit into the exercise portion of the class," Beeler said. "At the school we call this orienteering, but in the military they call it land navigation."

On Monday, April 1, members of the National Guard came to campus.

"They taught the class how to read a map and what your natural tendencies are," Beeler said. "For example, right-handed people tend to walk in right-handed circles (if lost) and left-handed people walk in left-handed circles."

On Wednesday, April 3, students successfully found the Armory—their first assignment of the day.

After a short debriefing on the use of the compass by members of the National Guard, they were divided into four groups and taken behind the armory to get an idea of their pace count over 100 yards.

Once this was completed, teams were off to their individual starting points. From those points, their assignment was to find more points, designated by numbered stakes.

Team leaders were given a paper defining the degree heading the team was to take, called the azimuth, and the distance in meters that the team would need to cover. Once the azimuth was ascertained, a member of the team was given the responsibility for walking in that direction the number of paces he or she needed to achieve the distance to the next point.

From there, another team member was given the chance to determine the direction and lead the team to the next point.

"I think the students really had fun," Beeler said. "All of the teams found all their points and didn't get lost."

The students were taught by members of the Guard because of a mutual desire between both the Guard and Missouri Southern to get more involved with the community.

"They were the only ones with the proper equipment," Beeler said. "We didn't have the compasses, and they are expensive."

This curriculum is part of a growing reawakening to the environment.

"From the physical education standpoint, outdoor pursuit had fallen by the wayside," Beeler said. "But now, with the environment coming back into the spotlight, we decided to put it back into the curriculum."

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Justice Thomas to speak at SEMO on April 30

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas will speak at Southeast Missouri State University at 7 p.m. on April 30.

The event is sponsored by the Conservative Club, the Young America's Foundation, and KZIM radio station. Organizations aiding with the funding of the event include the Student Activities Council and the offices of the provost and the executive vice president.

"We are extremely excited about hosting Justice Thomas on our campus," said Nathan Cooper, coordinator of the event and president of the Conservative Club. "Few people will be shaping the public policy process as Thomas will be over the course of the rest of our lives."

Excitement is already running high over having a Supreme Court justice on campus.

"Typically, Supreme Court justices reserve their speaking engagements for law schools and legal organizations," said Neal Boyd, vice president-elect of Student Government. "Hopefully both the students at Southeast and people in the region will support this event."

General admission tickets are available free of charge at several locations. Reserved floor-seating tickets are \$10.

NMSU Class of '96 gives gift of Water Pavilion

Last year's senior class gift to Northwest Missouri State University was an effort to honor Karen Hawkins, a Northwest student tragically murdered a year ago. The senior class wanted to build a gazebo on campus in honor of Hawkins, but the \$1,600 raised last year wasn't enough to complete the project.

Now, the Class of '96 has taken up the call and has expanded the original purpose of the gift. But the gazebo idea has given way to a new project that will not only honor Hawkins but will speak out against all kinds of violence.

"Our gift will support the construction of a Water Pavilion that will stand as a visible statement against acts of violence in our society," said Angela DeWinter, senior class gift chair.

Traditionally, the senior class gift comes from the graduation fee paid by each senior. That portion typically was \$2 per graduate. This year, in addition to the \$2 per graduate, senior class officers sent out a fund-raising letter asking seniors to contribute to the project.

The Water Pavilion will be located on the north side of College Pond.

SMSU may drop majors in Latin and German

A lack of student interest in foreign languages at Southwest Missouri State University could lead to the elimination of degree programs in Latin and German.

A program review committee recommendation shows that during the last three years only about four people have graduated with a degree in those two disciplines.

If SMSU follows the review committee's recommendation to drop the majors, classes in German and Latin still would be offered to support course work in other programs.

Officials in the college of arts and letters oppose the committee's recommendation, which they consider to be short-sighted and based solely on statistics.

"Foreign language programs in general are incredibly important now at a time when the world is growing much smaller," Dean David Belcher said. "We serve many programs around campus and feel that we need to offer those majors for interested students."

No final decision has been made.

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AIR FORCE

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 11

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 205.
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society AERho meeting, MSTV Studio.
7 p.m.—
Weird America presented by Peter A. Jordan, sponsored by CAB, Webster Hall auditorium.

Friday 12

Noon—
Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 123.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Brown Bag Lunch, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.
7:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy National Music Week Performance, Webster Hall auditorium.

Sunday 14

9:30 a.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Monday 15

7 p.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Tuesday 16

11 a.m.—
Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.
Noon—
College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:15 p.m.—
Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
12:20 p.m.—
Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212.
1 to 4:30 p.m.—
Teacher Placement Day. Teacher candidates meet with representatives of school districts, Billingsly Student Center.
7 p.m.—
"Literacy Safari - Literacy Around the World" with Dr. Robert S. Laubach. Presented by the Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action and Missouri Southern, Webster Hall auditorium.

Wednesday 17

12:25 and 4:45 p.m.—
Self-Help Workshop, Ann Allman presents, "Home versus school issues: problem solving versus problem management." Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.
4 p.m.—
Phi Eta Sigma meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.

Thursday 18

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PSYCHOLOGY

Club educates at competition

Students travel to WSU, compete in presentations

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Awards and honors were received by Missouri Southern students at the Great Plains Student Psychology Conference March 15-16.

Southern's Psychology Club traveled to Wichita State University to give presentations for competition, observe and learn from presenters, and interact with others in the psychology field.

"Sharing your research is an integral part of science," said Dr. Brian Babbitt, professor of psychology.

Presentations could be given in oral or poster form over research projects or non-research topics. Oral presenters are required to do a timed formal presentation over a topic of their choice relating to psychology.

"In order to receive an award, you have to do an excellent oral presentation, which typically means that

you have to give your presentation within the time limits and you have to be clear and concise and typically have good handouts or visual aids," Babbitt said.

Poster presentations are given by posting the research and information on a given wall space.

Students competing in this field must make themselves available for a period of time to field questions.

"The students overall did an excellent job and certainly represented Southern well," Babbitt said.

"I was very proud of them."

Chris James and Becky Abeln received second place for poster presentation, Amy Mayberry and Candi Vincent

received second placements in oral presentation.

J.D. Hall and Scott Bonner received first placements for oral presentation, and Lisa Ross received first place and second place in oral presentation.

The trip was made possible for those participating in presentations by an allocation from the student research committee.

Other Psychology Club members received funding from Student Senate. □



Babbitt

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Student receives \$1,000 scholarship

Members to aid Special Olympics

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) spent March 16-18 learning about teaching special students.

The Missouri Federation CEC Spring Conference was held at Tan-Tar-A resort. Missouri Southern students attended to get material and teaching ideas, make professional contacts, learn teaching strategies, and listen to presentations and seminars.

"I learned a lot I wouldn't have known otherwise," said Wendy Falk, CEC president.

Some topics discussed in the workshops included assistive technology, children with autism, and self-esteem and social skills.

Southern CEC member Shannon Carter, senior elementary education major, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship at the conference.

To receive the scholarship, Carter was required to fill out an application, send two letters of recommendation, have at least a 3.0 grade-point average, list all extracurricular activities involving children, and be a current member of CEC.

Only five students in the state receive this honor. "I think it speaks highly for Missouri Southern's education department," Carter said.

Dr. Doreen Vieitez, assistant professor of education, said Carter was chosen for the award because "she's demonstrated some excellent teaching abilities in working with exceptional students."

"She always goes way beyond the minimum requirements for her teaching activities and projects," Vieitez said.

Funding for the trip came from the Student Senate.

The organization also sold tickets for a chance to win a backpack full of school supplies.

Upcoming events for the CEC include helping with the Special Olympics on April 19. □

CAB LECTURE



Hypno-therapist Chuck Milligan performs hypnosis on 15-20 Southern students Monday night at Billingsly Student Center. Milligan, who has performed hypnosis for 15 years, once owned his own clinic in San Diego.

You're GETTING very VERY SLEEPY

'Anybody can do it (hypnosis)'

By STEPHANIE WARD
STAFF WRITER

Imagine becoming totally relaxed, and then at the touch of a hand and the word sleep, falling into what appears to be a conscious sleep, yet all the time having the ability to respond to commands given to you.

This is what happened to around 15 to 20 Missouri Southern students Monday night.

"It's like you're—I want to say—in an ethereal plane," said Andy Love, Billingsly Student Center night manager, "like you're outside your body looking down."

Love had tried hypnosis before, but was unsuccessful. Monday night he was asked to translate to an alien from the moon who had crashed on the Earth and spoke nothing but "moonese," a language which Love was told he spoke fluently.

Chuck Milligan has been performing hypnosis for 15 years. He is a licensed hypno-therapist who used to own his own clinic in San Diego. Milligan became bored with therapy and branched out into professional stage hypnotizing.

"I was always interested in things like magic and hypnosis and the mentalists and stuff," Milligan said, "so when the opportunity came along to learn hypnosis, I went ahead and learned it."

Milligan, who currently travels to colleges performing, also works

two shows a day at Six Flags Magic Mountain in San Diego.

"It (hypnosis) is a combination of focused attention and physical relaxation," Milligan said. "What happens is, we walk around all day long and we're stressed out and we never just let go. They (the volunteers) are totally, completely, physically relaxed."

Milligan began his act by taking volunteers through a total relaxation process.

He then told them they would fall into a deep sleep (though they were

and feeling a bolt of lightning run through the body.

Others were told they would become Madonna or Michael Jackson when they awoke.

"It's like I knew what I was doing," said Angela Gregory, freshman elementary education major, "but when he said it, I didn't know why I did it."

Gregory was given a plastic ball to tell her the biggest cockroach she had seen when she awoke.

The hypnosis did not work on everyone who volunteered.

"Whether or not it works depends basically upon the individual themselves," Milligan said.

He said hypnosis is not used as a cure for anything; rather, it is used as an assistive break behavioral patterns.

"If you have a set for yourself," he said, "it's a very helpful way of attaining whatever you've set for yourself."

Milligan concluded his act by commanding the volunteer who was relaxed to help him demonstrate the power of hypnosis.

He commanded the volunteer "sleep" (deeply), and proceeded to her arm and rotate her wrist all way around, and then again half way around. Needless to say, the audience was astounded. Milligan said the stunt is about as bizarre as he gets.

"Anybody could do it (hypnosis)," said, "but without the proper schooling, there's a lot of things that can go wrong. And without the proper schooling, I wouldn't suggest they play with it." □

not really asleep, they would feel like they had had the best sleep ever).

After the volunteers were "under," Milligan would bring them in and out of their "sleep" as demonstration for the audience.

Then he began to pick a few individuals out by touching them on their neck and giving them a special command to perform, on his cue, when they awoke.

These commands varied throughout the act.

They included such things as growing and shrinking body parts, forgetting how to count correctly,

“Anybody could do it (hypnosis), but without the proper schooling, there’s a lot of things that could go wrong.”

Chuck Milligan
Hypno-therapist

MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule:

Lecture Thursday, April 18, 1996 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 208

Test Thursday, April 25, 1996 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 208

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1996; July, 1996; or December, 1996 who have not taken U.S. Gov't or State and Local Gov't. in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318, on or before April 16 to sign up to take this test.

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ter (right), played by Doug Roush, freshman criminal justice major, hunts the Wolf, Adam Doss, freshman theatre major, in *Peter and the Wolf*, at 2:30 p.m. April 20-21.

Play to resurrect Russian folktale

'Peter and the Wolf' tale helps children face fears

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Laughter, enjoyment, and the sight of children smiling is the reward for these hard-working thespians.

Southern Theatre presents *Peter and the Wolf* to the public at 2:30 p.m. April 20-21, but will spend the previous four days doing two shows a day for 1,000 children at a time.

The story, an old folk tale, is about a young boy, Peter, and his courageous attempt to save his village from the wolf who is attacking them.

"There are morals for the children who see the show," said Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre and director of the production. "Peter has to face his fears, trust his friends, and have courage in himself."

Peter, the grandson of a famous Russian hunter, wants to be like his grandfather. He finds he can succeed with the help of his friends.

Most of the people involved in the production say the most rewarding part of doing a children's show is seeing the reaction of the children.

"I like affecting children's lives," Claussen said. "Things that happen as a child are lifelong memories."

Doug Roush, who plays the character of Peter,

said it is more rewarding to entertain children because many don't get a chance to see live theatre.

"This play teaches you that you need your friends to help you; that you can't do everything yourself," said Roush, a freshman criminal justice major.

The cast was required to run laps for rehearsal because the show is so physical.

"What I like best about the show is the fact that I get to run around and act like a child and have an excuse to do it," Roush said.

Other cast members are Jason Blackford, Anton; Adam Doss, the Wolf; Jason Engstrom, Grandpa; Rhea Fair, Anya; Beau James, Nicholas; Donald Leffert, Boris; Samantha Perry, Natasha; Bethia Scott, Olga; Justin Sifford, the Czar; and Liliana Valencia, Alexis.

Crew members are Debbie Burbridge, stage manager; Dan Johnston, sound designer; Colleen Lafferty, assistant stage manager; Michelle Olson, props designer; Krystal Sheat, lighting designer; Carry Stewart, make-up designer; David Waggoner, costume designer; Richard Wood, set designer; Lonnie Stinson, light operator; and Amy Roland, sound operator.

"I think more recognition needs to be given to the people behind the scenes," Roush said. "A lot of people not seen don't get a lot of credit."

Admission for adults is \$1 and 50 cents for children.

For reservations and more information, persons may call Ext. 3190. □

THE GRIND

Coffeehouse may become bar

Lack of support leads Goode to make switch

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Joplin's younger crowd could be losing a popular hangout unless they can show enough support for it in the next few weeks.

Rumors circulating about The Grind becoming a bar could become true.

"That's not confirmed or written in stone yet," said Daron Goode, owner of The Grind.

"If the kids want this place to stay, I need for them to come out and support it."

The Grind opened in August 1995 at 506 Joplin St. It is a coffee shop featuring live alternative, ska, and blues bands performing original material. About 50 percent of the club's regular customers are teenagers.

Goode said he had good support for the club for the first three months, but lately patronage from younger patrons has declined.

"They (the young people) will come and buy the merchandise the bands sell," he said, "but they won't pay the \$3 cover charge to get in."

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It's the only place where people under 21 can go to hear bands. If it becomes a bar, then we won't be able to get in.

Jennifer Bakie
Freshman art major

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"They would rather sit across the street."

The club held a free concert featuring Big Bad Chubba on April 3. Goode said the attendance was approximately 125 people.

"If I could get those kinds of crowds on a regular basis, I wouldn't change the club," he said.

Goode said he will wait three more weeks before acting on the idea to make the coffee shop an alcohol establishment.

"If I were to do it, it would be modeled after the Regency (in Springfield)," he said, "with a balcony, pool tables, and stuff."

Last week, news of the possible change from non-alcoholic to alcoholic for the club circulated around the Missouri Southern campus.

"It's the only place where people under 21 can go hear bands," said Jennifer Bakie, freshman art major.

"If it becomes a bar, then we won't be able to get in."

"I think it's a shitty deal," said David Williams, sophomore psychology major.

"If it was like the clubs in Tulsa where they stamped your hand and you couldn't drink but you could go in," he said, "it wouldn't be so bad."

"But I don't think Joplin has a law like that."

Goode said if he can get teenagers to pay the cover charge and spend an additional dollar each at The Grind's coffee bar, there would be no reason for the shop to change. □



By MICHAEL DAVISON

' Fargo' has character

Between the Academy Awards and the beginning of summer, a void usually hangs over the movie industry.

However, Joel and Ethan Coen, who wrote, directed, and produced *Barton Fink* and *Raising Arizona*, have given the public a dark comedy with a real-life flavor: *Fargo*.

The movie has no big stars to bill, but is full of character actors portraying real people.

This is the true story of how an ordinary car dealer in the Minneapolis gets into financial problems and decides the only way out is to hire a couple of criminals to kidnap his wife. This way he could collect the ransom money from his well off father-in-law, pay off the bad guys, and get out of debt.

It sounds like a pretty good

idea, but when you deal with criminals, bad situations might become worse in a short amount of time.

I have been in Minnesota three times, and the accents and mannerisms of the characters are just like the people living there.

The only recognizable actor is Steve Buscemi, from *Reservoir Dogs* and *Airheads* fame, who plays a "funny, little man" who is hired to kidnap the wife.

Twice the police ask witnesses to be more specific in describing the man; both times they say, "funny in a general sort of way."

This film is realistically directed, but that might be considered a downfall because of the language, blood, and violence. It didn't bother me, however, but only made the movie more believable and enjoyable. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Area tenor to perform in operatic program

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Students of Marguerite Carney, vocal instructor, will display their abilities in a performance of operatic music.

The program is at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Webster Hall auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public.

The Diary of One Who Vanished, by the Czech composer Leos Janacek, will be the featured work. Carney said the work is a song cycle, which is a setting of several songs that tell a story.

The composition will feature guest artist and tenor Terrence O'Brien, a former Southern and Pittsburg State University student.

O'Brien has recently appeared in the title role of *Il Trovatore* with the Pensacola Opera and with New Orleans' Jefferson Performing Arts Society.

Tamara Barnett will join O'Brien in *The Diary of One Who Vanished*. Rebecca Wentworth will accompany on piano.

The other portion of the program will showcase students singing arias from various operas by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, and others.

Valerie Couch, senior music performance major, said learning the music takes dedication.

"In any recital that you do, you have to be prepared," Couch said.

"This is an extra performance, so I've had to keep going with my literature, and I've had this piece of music for three weeks. I have to become at home with it, which means I kind of have to make it my own very, very quickly."

Other performers in the program include Mike Richardson, Sue Dixon, Dee Kassab, Marion Bond, Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, Abel Stewart, and Rebecca Luebber. □



On Campus

All times on campus are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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April 20-21—*Peter and the Wolf*, 2:30 p.m.

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April 23-May 10—Senior Shows, as part of their graduation requirements, three groups of seniors will exhibit works in the special media emphasis.

Phinney Recital Hall

April 12—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 4 p.m.

April 14—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 1 p.m.

Taylor Auditorium

April 23—Missouri Southern International Piano Competition: opening concert by Anne Kossoelny, American Pianist and chairperson of the 1996 judging panel, 8 p.m.

April 26—MSIPC Junior Finals, 7-10:15 p.m.

April 27—MSIPC Senior Finals, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 14 p.m., Gala Winner's Concert, 8 p.m.

Webster Hall auditorium

April 12—Suzuki Recital.

April 13—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 8:30 a.m.

April 14—Marguerite Carney's Student's Voice Recital.

April 17—Betsy Thurman Reed's Student's Flute Recital.

April 24—MSIPC Junior Semifinals, 9:30 a.m.-9:35 p.m.

April 25—MSIPC Senior Semifinals, 9:20 a.m.-10 p.m.

April 26—MSIPC Senior Semifinals, 9:20 a.m.-10:20 p.m.

Joplin

The Grind

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All events are at 9 p.m.

Tuesday nights—Open Mike Night.

April 12—Pope Steve.

April 13—Todd Krutinger.

April 19—Curbcheck with Bean Ramingo and Tryptych, 8 p.m.

April 20—Fuller's Earth with Barb's Holocaust.

April 21—Mustard Plug.

April 25—MU 330.

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659-8500

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April 12—Greg Leon.

April 19—Butler Bros.

April 26—Richard Johnson.

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All events are at 9:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday is Alternative Wednesday.

April 12—King Friday and Be.

April 20—Smokin' Joe Kubek.

April 26—Missionaries.

Champs

782-4944

All times are at 9 p.m.

April 12-13—Comfortable Shoes.

April 19-20—Blues on the Move.

April 26-27—Scott Ellison Band.

Kristy's (in the Holiday Inn)

782-1000

All times are at 8:30 p.m.

April 12-13—Rhythm Station.

April 14—Distractions.

April 19-20—Don Ships and the Titanic Blues Blasters.

April 21—Forg Pond, an all-girl Alternative Rock Band.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Council re-appoints Richard second term

In a special meeting Monday, the new Joplin City Council re-elected two members to their second two-year term. Ron Richard was re-elected mayor, and Earl Carr was appointed mayor pro-tem.

New and re-elected Council members received their oaths of office from Alex Churchin, municipal judge. Richard presented plaques to those Council members stepping down.

Those repeating oaths were Carr, Richard Russell, Floyd Belk, Patrick Tuttle, and Jack Belden.

Tribute was made by Richard to outgoing Council members Don Goetz, who finished an unexpired term; Bernie Johnson, who did not seek re-election; and Jim West, who was defeated in his attempt to serve a third term. □

Gymnasium to host spring programs

Programs offering training for skills and knowledge are in the works at the Joplin Family Y.

The Y will be taking registrations for a lifeguard certification course through Saturday. The course includes the basics in swimming instruction, CPR, and first aid.

The class will meet 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The \$95 fee for the course includes all materials. Participants must be 16 or older, and those under the age of 18 must have parental consent.

Youth outdoor soccer is another program to be offered by the Joplin Family Y. Registrations are being accepted for all area youth grades K-3. There will be no try-outs; all may participate in the program. An emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of the game.

Participants will learn basic soccer skills, plus lifetime skills of sportsmanship and teamwork.

Enrollment is \$15 for Y members and \$33 for nonmembers. □

Clinic slates seminar for youth coaches

A youth coaches seminar, sponsored by the Sports Medicine Clinic of St. John's Regional Medical Center, is set for Saturday.

The seminar will cover a number of sports-injury topics for the preadolescent and adolescent athlete, including throwing injuries, weight training and conditioning, acute-injury management, throwing programs, lower extremity injuries in spring and summer sports, heat illness, and ethics programs.

The seminar is a free program, and reservations are being taken through today at (417) 625-2269. Details may be obtained by contacting Sandy Sooter, educational services, at (417) 2727, pager 163 or Ext. 2142. □

Post offices lengthen hours for tax returns

Business hours have been expanded Monday at the Joplin post offices to accommodate the abundance of last-minute filing of tax returns.

The main city post office at 101 N. Main St. will close at 5 p.m. Monday, but is scheduled to reopen from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. to provide vending stamps for the midnight filing deadline.

The post office sites located in both Smitty's supermarkets, Dillon's at 1402 E. 20th St., the post office at 3115 S. Main St., and Consumers at 530 Maiden Lane will offer special mail collections at 9 p.m. Monday.

All deposited mail received at those sites by the midnight deadline will be postmarked April 15. □

SEVENTH STREET VIADUCT

Blasting of bridge generates discord

Business owner calls city officials 'blatant liars'

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Blasting of the west Seventh Street viaduct seems to have ignited a controversy between the city of Joplin and a business near the blasting site.

Mike Shade, owner of the Botany Shop Garden Center, said the city has welshed on promises made concerning the demolition of the bridge.

"They are blatant liars," Shade said. "They said they would not be using explosives on the bridge, but when they went to court for the condemnation of the land they lied under oath to three sworn-in commissioners."

Shade said the city then decided to use explosives to dismantle the bridge.

Bruce Rhodes, assistant director of public works, said there were no problems with the area businesses.

"We have left it (the roadway) open to where you can get down to the local businesses," he said. "We

have tried to work really close with those businesses. We want to make sure they get customers in their shops."

Rhodes said the business owners have been "real receptive." He said there have been no reported complaints about the noise as yet.

"Basically it's a bridge replacement project," he said. "The old bridge was built in 1939. We will demolish it and replace it with a new bridge at the same height and length."

He said 80 percent of the funding of the viaduct comes from the Federal Highway Administration and the other 20 percent from the half-cent sales tax for transportation.

"The bridge will be wider and safer," Rhodes said. "Right now it has four narrow lanes, but we intend to widen it so you'll feel more comfortable when going across."

Shade said he does not believe the city has acted responsibly regarding the entire project.

"The city is incompetent," he said. "The land is not wide enough on the bridge for them to work, so they have to trespass on my land to get the job done. They poked holes in my greenhouse and left our fence open," he said. "They



After blasting Joplin's west seventh street viaduct, construction workers clean up the debris before begin rebuilding the damaged bridge, which was built in 1939. The bridge will be the same height and length.

were supposed to secure the fence when they were finished for the day, but they didn't, and someone broke in and stole \$500 worth of tractor parts, and the city won't pay for it."

He said his main fear is the blasting may cause the soil to cave in.

"My land is undermined, and I'm worried about the fellow living behind me," Shade said.

"There is a cavern under his house, and I'm afraid the blasting could cause the land to cave in. They started on the other side of the bridge with the explosives, but I

dread it because it blows crap everywhere."

Shade said he plans to take the city to court if possible for property damages.

"Not only did they lie to me, they lied in court. They are blatant liars," he said. □

JOPLIN SPOTLIGHT



Jeff Landrith, Greenscape's nursery manager, takes time to inspect the company's spring seedlings Monday.

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

Clone strain materializes

By LISA BUFFINGTON
STAFF WRITER

The meningitis outbreak that erupted in the area last year had federal health officials assuming it to be a bacterial strain that originally migrated from Europe.

The bacteria, known as Enzyme Type 5 or ET-5, traveled from overseas to Oregon two years ago. After an examination of the Joplin bacteria's molecular structure, the assumption the same specimen had jumped across state lines to appear in Missouri was brought to a sudden halt.

The new strain of bacteria, first thought to be a clone of the Oregon enzyme, started the ongoing investigation of the 21 meningitis cases that occurred in the region since the spring of 1995. Two of the eight people who have died are from Joplin.

Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Department's community health director, coordinated the efforts by the department to make office space available to federal health officials for their research.

"We provided a place for them to work and gave clerical support when needed," Pekarek said.

"Several staff members even worked with them in the field and gathered information that was needed to put together profiles of the victims."

The information was gathered through interviews with both victims and their families during the Centers for Disease Control's two-week stay. The aim of the case control study was to look at the actual cases of the ill people and compare them to other cases in the region.

A control group of healthy residents was then compared to the afflicted residents by lifestyles and habits such as smoking and drinking.

It is believed that drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes may help the bacteria spread by irritating the throat and lungs.

"At this time we have not been told of the findings of the study," Pekarek said. "Several risk factors will be known and made available to us by next month."

The risk of infection lowers as a person ages. Studies show that about half of all cases involve children under 2 years of age. □

Sod & Seed expands garden service

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

It is spring. Longer days, warmer weather, and a sense of newness in the air seems to bring out the green thumb in homeowners around this time of the year.

Springtime is a profitable season for a small sod and seed business near the College.

Southwest Sod and Seed, at 1711 Duquesne Road, just a distance south of the Duquesne Police Department, began

offering its gardening services to residents in the area two years ago.

Recently the seed business broadened its enterprise, featuring a nursery called Greenscape Nursery.

Entrepreneur Steve Jeffries, owner of Greenscape Nursery, said business hasn't been as profitable lately because of the unpredictable weather.

"Hopefully business will be picking up soon, but right now it's kind of slow," Jeffries said. "I think by next year we'll be seeing more growth [in the business]."

Greenscape also offers something new among nurseries, its very own celebrity.

"Jeff the Gardener" has been a regular on KSNF-TV's "Good Morning Four State."

"I'm kind of a local celebrity," said Landrith, Greenscape employee. "I give gardening advice and tips on the air every Monday for about a year."

The business handles a variety of services for landscaping.

"We put in irrigation systems, sod, build walls, seed yards...we do just about everything," Landrith said. □

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Tribe's plans in jeopardy at Capitol

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If certain members of the Missouri legislature have their way, the proposed casino in Seneca will stay that way forever. The Eastern Shawnee Indian Tribe has asked the state to allow it to build a casino in Seneca that stretches into Oklahoma. The building would be "L" shaped, with half the building in Missouri and the other half in Oklahoma. The half in Missouri would have slot machines and other gaming. Since Oklahoma law prohibits Class 3 gambling, that side would hold only bingo games. Oklahoma's bingo laws are less stringent than Missouri's.

Rep. Gary Marble (R-Neosho) has drafted a House concurrent resolution that would block any type of attempt by an Indian tribe to build a casino on Missouri land.

"This has very little to do with Indian gambling and more to do with protecting the constitution and sovereignty of the state," Marble said.

According to Marble, building the casino would be a violation of the state constitution. Missouri's constitution is the only one in the

nation that deals with gambling; all the other states with gambling laws have it in the statutes, he said.

The constitution maintains that all gambling operations must be brought to a vote of the people and establishments limited to boats on a river.

"If the Eastern Shawnee wish to build a boat and gamble on a river, they can," Marble said.

Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) is helping Marble in his crusade. The major points against the casino seem to be the lack of revenue to the state and crime.

"People don't want it right in the business district of Seneca," Surface said. "They believe it will bring big city problems to the small town."

However, Les Cusher, a tribal consultant for the casino project, said that's a "misportrayal" of the plan. Cusher said the casino will bring in no fewer than 500 jobs to the area.

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**Rep. Gary Marble
R-Neosho**

The tribe has already purchased 100 lots in Seneca to build the casino and has the land in Oklahoma in trust. Having land in trust means the tribe has to have someone in charge to be held accountable for the activity on the land.

Cusher said the tribe is in a holding period waiting for the federal government to decide whether it can put the land in trust. Cusher said the decision should come within a year. He expects the casino to be operational in 18 months and no later than two years.

He also said that because the land in Seneca is connected to the trusted land in Oklahoma, the state doesn't have any jurisdiction as to whether the federal government can allow the land to be trusted.

Marble doesn't agree with that. "What [Cusher] is saying is a bunch of bunk," he said.

Marble received a letter from Missouri

Attorney General Jay Nixon outlining plans to halt the casino project. The letter states that Missouri does have say in whether a casino can be built in Seneca.

"I have been told by the attorney general that we will take them to court," Marble said. A straw poll in Seneca was taken about the casino, and according to Marble, the citizens don't want it.

Cusher said Senecans may not want it, but people from the surrounding area are "holding for it."

He maintains the poll is unofficial and therefore not a good source to go by. "We've requested a meeting with the governor to let him know our side of the story," Cusher said.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) has also publicly denounced the project.

"There's a lot of emotion and a lot of rhetoric out there," Singleton said. "At this point and time I call for a vote of the people on the matter."

Marble believes the resolution may be on the House floor next week. In order to pass, it needs a majority vote of 82.

He said he hasn't heard of any opposition in the House. □

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Carnahan signs 8 bills during first part of session

As of April 1, Gov. Mel Carnahan has signed eight bills into law. Of those eight, five have originated in the Senate and three in the House.

The governor signed Senate Bill 671 into law Feb. 13. The bill had an emergency clause attached so it went immediately into effect. The bill deals with repair of flood damaged levees from floods in 1993 and 1995. It was signed by House Speaker Steve Gaw (D-Moberly) and Senate Speaker Pro-Tem Jim Mathewson (D-Sedalia) Feb. 7.

There are four other bills with emergency clauses attached, one of which was the speed limit bill. It was signed by Carnahan March 13, but due to restrictions placed in the bill, some areas, mainly urban, didn't see a change in speed limits for weeks.

The governor has not vetoed any bills so far and neither has he line-item-vetoed any appropriations bills.

The last bill signed by Carnahan was Sen. Morris Westfall's (R-Halfway) bill enabling the transfer management control of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center from the Department of Health to the University of Missouri's Board of Curators.

In Carnahan's four years as governor, this is the most bills signed into law by this point than any other year. In 1993 he had signed seven bills by April 1, in 1994 only three, and in 1995, four bills were signed into law before April. An official in Carnahan's office said it was usual procedure to sign bills late in the session. According to records obtained during Carnahan's term, most bills are signed in May and June.

On the average Carnahan has vetoed 5.6 bills a session.

The last day for Carnahan to sign bills is before midnight, July 14. □

New face in House fills seat vacated by Griffin

Still without a secretary, the newest member of the Missouri General Assembly is struggling to keep his day straight.

Rep. Randall Relford (D-Cameron) was sworn into the House Tuesday during afternoon session. A contingency of nearly 50 family members and friends accompanied the new District 6 representative.

An election April 2 put the 53-year-old former school administrator into office. Relford said nearly 58 percent of the vote was for him.

Relford said his campaign began in February after former House Speaker Bob Griffin resigned from the office.

"There's a lot of folks in the district that think the world of [Griffin]," Relford said.

Relford said he has served on the Cameron City Council and as the town's mayor. A field trip to the Capitol when Relford was in the eighth grade inspired him to seek the office, he said.

"The people of my district have had good representation over the years," Relford said. "It's my job to continue to fulfill those needs."

Relford has a wife, Barbara, and three children — all boys. He was a school principal in Cameron and was with the school district in some capacity for the last 23 years. He graduated from both Northeast Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He said looking at the House calendar and seeing so much to do and so little time to do it, he wonders how everything gets done.

"I just hope it doesn't become political," he said.

So far, Relford is sitting on three committees in the House: local government and related matters, elementary and secondary education, and agriculture.

Relford's first order of business is to take care of the secretarial opening.

"Hopefully we'll have someone on line before too long," he said. □

Statehouse shells out big bucks for colleges

More than \$40 million increase planned for institutions

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Budget increases for Missouri's colleges and universities are virtually guaranteed since both houses and the governor recommended more than \$40 million this year than last.

Though the collegiate portion of the budget is its way to a conference committee, it is highly unlikely that Missouri Southern or other schools will receive less funds this year than last.

Southern received an appropriation of more than \$17 million, part of which will be used as year funding for a new enhanced international mission for the institution," Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said.

Southern is looking at a \$1,753,752 increase over last year. For fiscal year 1996, Missouri Southern \$15,322,674. This year the House, Senate, and Gov. Mel Carnahan have recommended \$17,076,426.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education had initially asked for \$17,602,241 in funding for the College, but the legislature and Carnahan lowered the amount for certain programs.

This year we were fortunate to have more money," Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) said. In a category listed as Formula Increase for Funding for Results, the CBHE asked for nearly \$14 million and the others recommend just \$1 million.

Information and Technology the CBHE said that Southern receive \$211,141, yet the legislature and Carnahan both gave nothing to Southern in that category. However, for ongoing Maintenance and Repair, Carnahan the legislature gave a \$3 increase over the CBHE's recommendation.

Funding for colleges is based on a formula created by the CBHE that lists different criteria as basis for funding.

Rep. Sheila Lumpe (D-University City), chair of the House budget committee, said funding isn't based on how many students a college has. Lumpe said funding is given to schools based on how well they meet the CBHE's criteria. She also said funding is likely to be cut if a program can't be added to the school's core budget.

Southwest Missouri State University is receiving a considerable increase in its budget. Last year it received \$59,405,557, and this year the CBHE is requesting \$70,709,819. However, the Senate is recommending only \$65,930,300. The House and the governor are giving SMSU \$68,560,102. Even if the Senate's recommendation is met, the university will receive a \$6,524,743 increase.

Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield) said the money for SMSU has been pushed for for a long time. He said the extra money was long overdue, but not just for SMSU.

"I think a lot of regional colleges have been underfunded," he said, naming Southern, SMSU, and Missouri Western.

The University of Missouri will get well over \$300 million for all four of the campuses in the system.

Last year the University of Missouri received \$335,540,679 from the state. This year the CBHE recommends \$366,037,183, the governor is asking for \$354,636,429, the House is looking for \$354,886,429, and the Senate recommendation is the lowest at \$352,529,702.

"The economy is so strong that we're collecting money we can't even keep," Rep. Ken Jacob said. "And I think Carnahan wanted to make an impact on higher education."

Jacob also said the state was told it needed to spend more on high education.

"We've got a ways to go to get where we should be."

According to the information released by the Senate appropriations committee, not one college institution will see a decrease in funding. □

HERE SHE IS...



Miss Missouri, Erin Phillips, (left) touches base with Matt Benton from the lieutenant governor's office during Missouri Service Day festivities at the Capitol.

TAX REFUND

Senate measure pushes rebates to taxpayers sooner than planned

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The first refunds required by the 1980 Hancock Amendment may be on their way to taxpayers' mailboxes sooner than first thought.

The Senate gave approval to a measure that would expedite the refunds based on fiscal year taxing rather than calendar year.

The Department of Revenue expects the first refund checks to be cut by the beginning of October.

According to figures compiled by the state, \$147 million is owed to the taxpayers of Missouri. According to Ray Schneider, an administrative

assistant to Senate President Pro-Tem Jim Mathewson (D-Sedalia), the more a citizen was taxed the more he or she will get back.

The figures for the refund are based on taxes paid from July 1, 1994, to June 30, 1995. Schneider said the most difficult part of the measure was defining the time period. Because of corporate taxing and citizen taxing it was difficult to get a timeframe down.

"The original Hancock Amendment was uncertain as to what timeframe to use," Schneider said. He said Senate Bill 500 clarified the questions raised by Hancock.

The original amendment was quite controversial and has had

27 Missouri Supreme Court decisions made on it.

"It wasn't very well drafted," Schneider said.

Schneider claims the problems from Hancock came from the wording which was taken mainly from a Michigan law.

The Department of Revenue will take care of the business regarding amounts of refunds, Schneider said, and that the hard part was over.

"That money belongs to the taxpayers, not the state," Mathewson said.

"Our job is to get the taxpayers' money back to them as quickly as possible," he said.

Schneider also said no refunds would be given if they were less than one dollar. □

WAP TIME



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

House chamber was filled with students and parents during an awards ceremony Tuesday. (From left) Amy Chapman, 7, waits with her mother, to hear her sister, Sarah, announced for a "Glory of Missouri" award.

Sports SCOPE

Proposition J campaign was a joke

This is intended to be the definitive commentary on the failed arena effort, and also serve as a text on how not to screw the thing up next time.

Surely everyone has tired of the issue, and this is not intended to wake the sleeping dog or belabor anything. However, some major points of interest may come from this.

The fact that more than \$100,000 was spent in an effort to pass the issue was recently disclosed. With that kind of money spent, it's unimaginable that the vote was so lopsided. Whoever was in charge of the advertising and public relations aspect of this campaign should have their license revoked, if such a license exists.

The ineptitude of this campaign rivals such historic debacles as Watergate, Dukakis/Bentsen '88, and maybe even the movie *Shogun*.

In researching another story right after the arena vote, I was met with some surprising revelations. The most striking is that the "Yes for Joplin and Jobs" campaign was borderline harassment. In phone conversations with several voters, I was told many were turned off from a yes vote because of the incessant hounding of Prop J supporters.

Many voters said they either changed their vote or didn't vote at all because of all the phone calls from the Prop J squad. One voter relayed her tale of harassment as starting a couple days before the election. She received one call from a Prop J supporter asking her how she planned to vote. She said she didn't feel she should tell. Another call from Prop J asked the same question. Hoping she could stop the calls, she told them she was going to vote for the arena. She was then stunned when the caller asked when on election day she would be casting her ballot. She told the caller she would be at the polls around 9 a.m., at which the caller said they would call around 9:30 a.m. to make sure she had voted. The woman then decided she would not vote at all and told me she felt her intelligence had been insulted.

This type of campaigning can only be categorized as stupid. Prop J deserved to die the miserable death it did if the organizers were going to authorize such browbeating.

Another huge mistake made by the organizers was the severe lack of organization. Apparently several different groups of supporters were making phone calls, none in coordination with the others. Someone even went so far as to hire a St. Louis-based telemarketing company to poll Joplinites.

A source at the telemarketing agency even described the organizers as "stupid." This of course was after he was hung up on, berated, and told the same horror stories as noted above. He said voters supporting Prop J were abandoning the campaign at almost every call.



J. L. Griffin
Associate Editor

Spring teams dig into conference play

Lady Lions saddle Jennies with sweep

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

After taking 24 of their last 25 games, the softball Lady Lions shut down No. 14 Central Missouri State Tuesday with back-to-back 1-0 victories at Lea Kungie Field.

With the two victories, Missouri Southern remains atop the MIAA South Division with a record of 12-0, 31-3 overall. The Jennies' MIAA North Division mark falls to 7-3, 21-8 overall.

The pair of shutouts also marked the first time CMSU has been goose-egged in a doubleheader since 1990.

"We are talking six years since they have been shut out," said Pat Lipira, Southern head coach. "They're a good team. They were first in the North Division and second in the region, and we shut them out for 14 innings."

The first game of the doubleheader featured two of the MIAA's elite pitchers in Southern's Holly Trantham (17-2) and CMSU's Mandee Berg (9-4).

Along with Trantham, Southern sophomore Jane Roberts (13-1) shut down the

Jennies' offense in the second game, completing the sweep of CMSU.

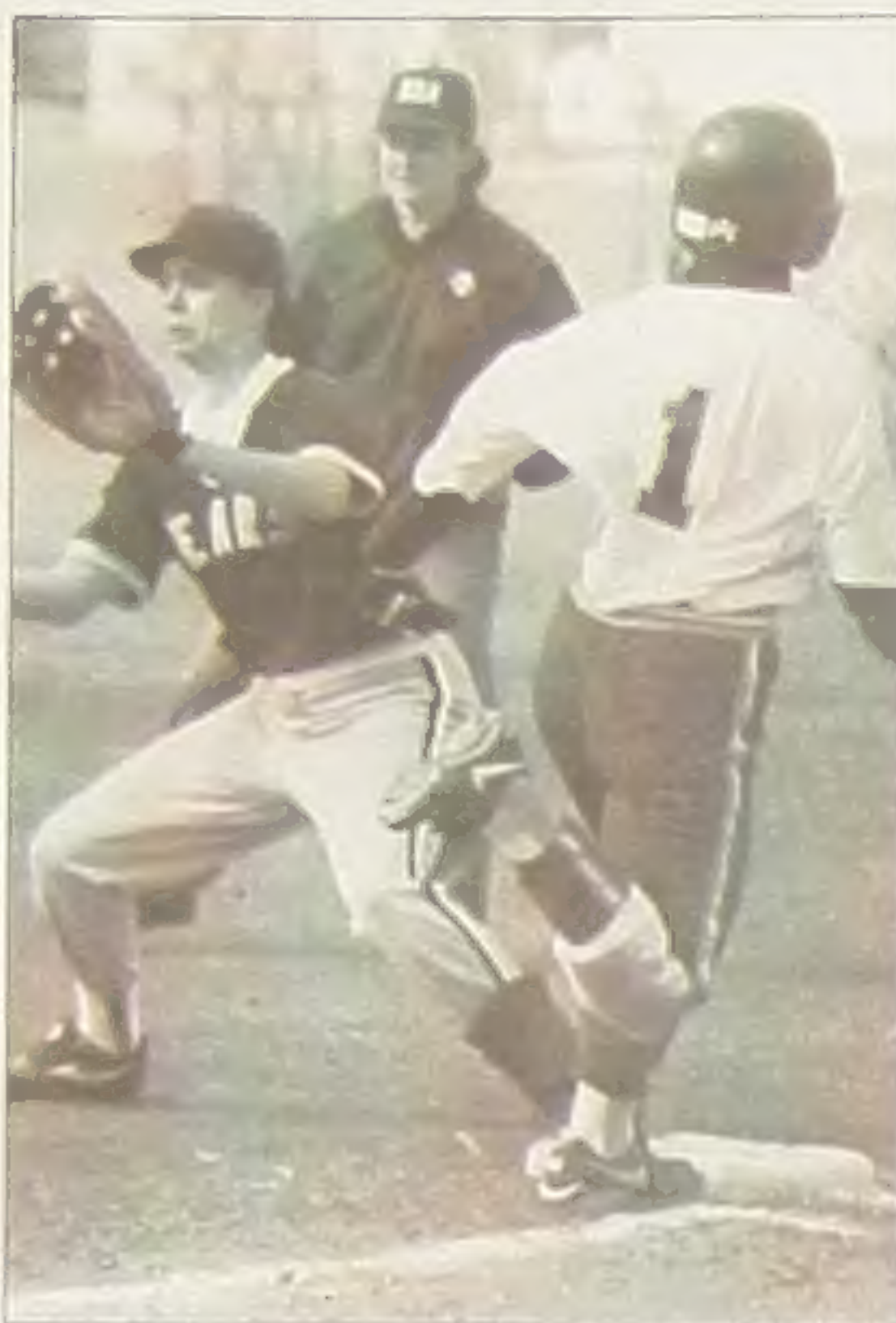
Trantham, who entered the game with an earned run average of 0.78, captured her 10th shutout of the season, striking out five Jennies in the process. Berg struck out nine in the losing effort.

Lipira said in the past Berg was a reason the Lady Lions could not find the winning formula against CMSU.

"Traditionally we've had trouble offensively against Central Missouri," she said. "I felt they should have beaten us the first game. In my feeling, I thought they outplayed us, but that is the way softball is. They had baserunners and did not take advantage of them, they didn't move their runners, and didn't produce runs."

After five and a half innings of scoreless play, Lady Lions shortstop Pam Brewer got the ball rolling with a lead-off walk. After a sacrifice out and a fielder's choice, sophomore second baseman Jenni Jimerson drove in Brewer with a fielder's choice for the game's lone tally.

Even though the Lady Lions managed only four hits in the entire first game,



Freshman shortstop Pam Brewer runs out an infield single. Southern's team is currently ranked 18th in the nation.

junior first baseman Amber Peterson produced half of Southern's struggling offense. Peterson finished game one with two singles and two stolen bases.

"Melissa Grider is out of the line-up right now [with a shoulder injury]," Lipira said.

"Amber Peterson has stepped up, and she is batting over .500.

"We needed somebody to step up with her [Grider] out of the line-up. I hope people will continue to see that if someone is not hitting then they need to step up and do it."

TRACK & FIELD

Southern runners fare well at home invite despite weather

Heather Hoyle sets career mark in 200 m, takes first in 100 m

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

Fighting wind, rain, and cold, Southern's track teams played host to the annual MSSC Crossroads Invitational Friday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

"This is the toughest spring I can ever remember," said Tom Rutledge, men's track and field coach.

"And I've been in Colorado. It's been tough trying to train in these conditions. We sure could use a nice day."

The bad weather, which should have inhibited the running, actually seemed to be a non-factor.

"I was very pleased with our team overall," Rutledge said. "We had some guys really come through despite the weather."

One of those was freshman Dusty Franks. Franks, an indoor all-conference runner, is "making great strides," Rutledge said.

"Dusty has really surprised a lot of people," Rutledge said. "He keeps improving and setting personal records."

"I think he's still finding out about himself—finding out what his abilities are and that he really can compete. I'm really proud of him, and I'm excited about what the future holds for him."

The weather has been no better on

the women's side of things.

"We had a really good day," said coach Patty Vavra, "even though the weather wouldn't cooperate. We were still able to go out and compete."

Vavra said being able to compete despite the harsh conditions spoke volumes about the team. "We are still improving," she said. "I think the way we performed last Friday really shows that. If we can now begin to peak, then we should be able to compete at conference and hopefully qualify some people for nationals."

One of those Vavra is counting on is Mary Adamson.

Adamson placed in six of the seven events she entered.

"Mary really had a good day," Vavra said. "She placed in six of her

events, including third in the 400 hurdles, an event she had never run before.

"She also placed third in the javelin and 100-meter hurdles and second in the triple jump," she said. "She is right where we want her to be. If she can score us those kinds of points at the conference meet, we'll be in good shape."

Vavra said Adamson was not the only one to watch.

"We also had several other girls who had great days as well," she said.

"Heather Hoyle took first in the 100-meter and 200-meter, running the best time of her career in the 200. Sonia Blacketer set a new school record in the 5,000, and Dalana Lofland had her best time in the 400 meters."



Sophomore runner Jon Williams leads the pack Friday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Reece, Fisher earn all-conference honors for on-court efforts

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Two Missouri Southern Lion basketball players received MIAA honors for their efforts this season.

Senior guard Eddie Reece garnered first-team all-MIAA recognition, along with sophomore Dan Buie (Washburn), junior Marc Eddington (Pittsburg State), senior Otis Key (Lincoln), and senior

Michael McClain (Missouri-Rolla). Buie, also the conference's co-most valuable player, was an unanimous choice to the first team.

Reece, who averaged 19.1 points per game, ranked fourth in the league in scoring, sec-

ond in 3-point percentage (42 percent), second in steals (2.1 per game), and seventh in assists (3.6 per game).

"I found out on the television news," he said. "I figured that I would make the team because of my

efforts and hard work this season."

Being among the MIAA's elite was something Reece said he was striving for all season long.

"It feels real good to be in the same category as Dan Buie and the others," he said.

Reece, a Columbia, S.C., native, transferred to Southern from the University of South Alabama, but played less than two years in a Lion uniform.

Corn said he is proud of what

Reece accomplished on the court but also in the classroom.

"He came back and did everything we asked him to do," Corn said. "But more importantly, he is leaving here with a degree, that is why they come here."

Junior forward Torrius Fisher received honorable mention MIAA honors. Fisher finished fourth in the MIAA in rebounding, averaging 9.0 per game, and fifth in the scoring at 13.1 a contest.



Reece



Fisher

Southern Scoreboard

Baseball

MIAA Standings 4-7

	CONF	W	L	T	OVERALL	W	L	T
North								
Central Missouri (21)	3	2	0	0	24	10	0	0
Washburn	6	4	0	0	23	15	0	0
Emporia State	6	6	0	0	15	10	0	0
Missouri Western	6	6	0	0	19	18	0	0
Northwest Missouri	6	7	0	0	19	12	0	0
Northwest Missouri	0	9	0	0	9	28	1	0
South								
Missouri Southern	8	2	0	0	21	13	0	0
Missouri-St. Louis (7)	7	2	0	0	18	3	0	0
Pittsburg State	7	3	0	0	18	17	0	0
Lincoln	3	3	1	0	18	13	4	0
Missouri-Rolla	3	3	1	0	11	14	1	0
Southwest Baptist	0	12	0	0	8	32	0	0

MIAA STATS

BATTING	
1. Brad Crade, Central Missouri, .454 avg	
2. Mike Stennett, Missouri-St. Louis, .478 avg	
3. Pat Martin, Washburn, .415 avg	
4. Tim May, Missouri-St. Louis, .411 avg	
11. Matt Fitzmorris, Northwest Missouri, .398 avg	
RUNS BATTERED IN	
1. Todd Schmidt, Missouri-St. Louis, 28	
2. Blake Smith, Washburn, 31	
3. Tim Sheeler, Central Missouri, 42	
4. Steve Claiborne, Emporia State, 31	
Brad Crade, Central Missouri, 31	
HOME RUNS	
1. Steve Claiborne, Emporia State, 6	
Brad Crade, Central Missouri, 6	
3. Tim Sheeler, Central Missouri, 7	
4. Derin Canaday, Emporia, 4	
Ryan Reeves, Missouri-St. Louis, 4	

Softball

MIAA Standings 4-7

	CONF	W	L	T	OVERALL	W	L	T
North								
Central Missouri (14)	7	1	0	0	25	6	0	0
Emporia State	6	4	0	0	25	12	0	0
Washburn	5	4	0	0	19	13	0	0
Northwest Missouri	4	5	0	0	11	16	0	0
Missouri Western	2	6	0	0	13	15	0	0
Northwest Missouri	2	6	0	0	10	16	0	0
South								
Missouri Southern (18)	10	0	0	0	29	3	0	0
Pittsburg State	8	2	0	0	29	12	0	0
Missouri-Rolla	3	5	0	0	17	12	0	0
Missouri-St. Louis	3	5	0	0	6	12	0	0
Lincoln	0	4	0	0	4	14	0	0
Southwest Baptist	0	8	0	0	5	22	0	0

MIAA STATS

BATTING	
1. Andrea Peters, Emporia, .500 avg	
2. Jenni Jimerson, Missouri Southern, .485 avg	
3. Ginger Daniels, Missouri Southern, .468 avg	
4. Jenni Klaut, Pittsburg State, .466 avg	
5. Monique Martinez, Emporia, .429 avg	
RUNS BATTERED IN	
1. Sue Wehrs, Central Missouri, 29	
2. Tabitha Huston, Pittsburg State, 40	
3. Jenni Jimerson, Missouri Southern, 31	
4. Kelly Gustafson, Pittsburg State, 38	
5. Chris Tomez, Washburn, 29	
HOME RUNS	
1. Chris Tomez, Washburn, 7	
2. Kelly Gustafson, Pittsburg State, 7	
3. Julie Hammer, Central Missouri, 3	
4. Monique Martinez, Emporia State, 3	
5. Sue Wehrs, Central Missouri, 2	

Date, Time, and Place

Thursday Tennis	
*Lady Lions vs. Northwest Missouri State, 2:30 p.m.	
Friday Softball	
*Lady Lions at Missouri Western International, 1 p.m.	
Friday Tennis	
*Lady Lions vs. Lincoln, 10 a.m.	
Track & Field	
*Lions at John Jacobson Memorial (Norman, Okla.), 7 p.m.	
Wednesday Baseball	
*Lions at Emporia, 1 p.m.	
Softball	
*Lady Lions at Northwest Missouri State, 3 p.m.	
Track & Field	
*Lions at Kansas University, 4 p.m.	

BASEBALL

For senior Lion Chris Gold and his teammates, a promise for a strong finish for Missouri Southern is...

good as GOLD

Quiet leader looks for shot at Series

BY RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Missing out on the College World Series is something Chris Gold will never forget. That is, unless he helps lead the Missouri Southern baseball team there this spring. Gold, a newly converted first baseman for Southern, was a red-shirt freshman four years ago when the Lions made their most recent appearance in the NCAA Division II College World Series, and now the slugger wants his chance at a national title... but his dream, right now, is far, far away.

"I've never been to a College World Series," said Gold, who hopes to make the trip in 1992. "It was a good learning experience. I learned a lot just by watching." Gold has confidence in his teammates to make this season a memorable one.

"I always have high expectations myself and my team," he said. "There are 10 or 11 seniors and we've been about it. That's one of our strengths."

"Our main goal is just to win our conference," he said, "but I think everybody is thinking about the World Series."

Gold graduated from high school in Billings, Mo., a town populated by 1,000 or so people.

"We only had two sports, baseball and basketball," he said, "so the town was pretty proud of whatever we did. Everybody knew who you were, and everybody got to play. Everyone who came out for the team pretty much got to play."

Gold said his high school team finished first in the state his junior year and third his senior year.

In high school, Gold met someone who would change the course of his life, former Lions' assistant coach Jeff Velliquette. Velliquette, who umpired several of Gold's high school games, recommended Southern to Gold and Gold to Southern coach Warren Turner.

"He never says much," Turner said. "He just does his job and he has a great attitude."

Gold said he prides himself on leadership, but with an abundance of seniors, he has to find different ways to lead.

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I've got a good education and we've had good teams. We just haven't lived up to our expectations.

Chris Gold
Lion first baseman

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"I kind of see myself as a leader at times," Gold said. "I'm not the real vocal type to go out there and try to get everybody up and motivate them. I just try to lead by my actions."

"Sure, I lose my temper as much as anybody else, but I don't direct it toward other teammates," he said. "If somebody messes up, I kind of try to keep their head up and keep them in the game."

because we're going to need them."

In the past, Gold has almost strictly been designated as a hitter—the designated hitter. But this season has provided an opportunity for Gold to become the starting first baseman to go along with knocking the ball over the fence.

"[Coach Turner] kind of always joked with me that I'd be a lifetime DH," Gold said. "I really didn't like that. I wanted to play in the field. It's hard being a DH because you're not always in the flow of the game."

Gold said he gets disappointed when he makes mistakes in the field, but he—and everyone else—knows why he is so important to the Lions: He drives in runs.

"When people are on base, you're supposed to get them in, and there's been a few times this year when I haven't done that," Gold said. "It bothers me. As of yet, we haven't really been hitting the ball that great. There's some pressure that we put on ourselves because me and Bryce [Darnell] and Matt Nelson, we kind of feel like we have to step up and lead the team. And when there's people on base, we have to get them in."

The Lions started the season 1-10 this year, not the kind of team Gold wanted to remember as his last in college.

"I don't feel panic," he said. "At

times I get a little frustrated, but in the whole scheme of things, it doesn't really matter if we go to the World Series or not. I've got other goals besides baseball."

"But I do want to win."

And what about life after baseball?

"I don't see myself as having the tools to get to the next level," Gold said. "I'll be coaching this summer, and that's something that I've always really wanted to do."

Turner agrees with Gold's decision to become a coach.

"We're going to miss Chris, but he'll be a successful coach," Turner said. "In a quiet way, Chris does the job."

At the risk of sounding desperate, Gold said although his college baseball career is winding down, his regrets are few and far between.

"I've got a good education and we've had good teams," he said. "We just haven't lived up to our expectations."

"This is my last chance," he said.



Through Tuesday, senior first baseman Chris Gold is batting .317 with two home runs and 24 runs batted in. Before this season, Gold saw action mainly as a designated hitter.

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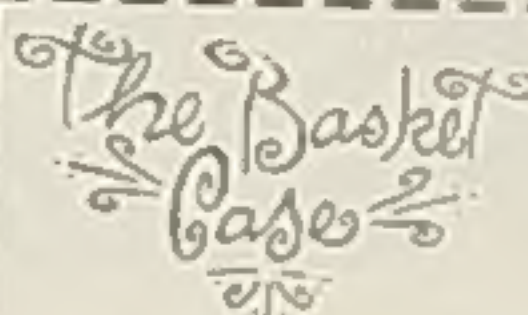
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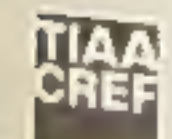
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Adam Bahr, a freshman computer aided drafting and design major, sips on a Pepsi while watching the "feel good" edition of ESPN's SportsCenter. Bahr's collection has reached 210 cans and is still growing.



Freshmen Leslie Craig (top) and Sarah Dawson help each other study in their room in McCormick Hall.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart



Decorations give students feelings of home

By ELIZABETH LOVLAND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Making the move from the comforts of home to Missouri Southern's empty and scary residence halls can be a major decision for a new student.

One of the first things some Southern students do when they move into the residence halls is adorn their rooms with their own personal charm.

"When I first got here there was this blah, white wall," said Stephanie Plemons, freshman undecided major and forward for the Lady Lions basketball team. "I started getting depressed and homesick, so I started putting up pictures and little odds and ends."

Plemons, who came to Southern from her home in Dallas, Texas, decorated her wall with a collage of post cards, pictures of family and celebrities, and mementos of her life.

"It (her bedroom wall) helps me remember that my friends and loved ones are still around and the memories we've shared," Plemons said. "It keeps me going

and makes me smile every day."

Adam Bahr, freshman computer aided drafting and design major, has 210 soda cans on his wall.

He started his collection in October.

"I got hurt playing soccer and was just sitting around," said the St. Louis native. "I had a bunch of soda cans laying around, so I started stacking them up."

"When I first got here there was this blah, white wall. I started getting depressed and homesick, so I started putting up pictures and little odds and ends."

Stephanie Plemons
Freshman undecided major

"Basically for no reason, just for fun."

Bahr said residents stop to take a second look at his pyramid of cans every time they walk down the hall.

"They think I'm crazy for drinking it all," he said.

Leslie Craig, freshman biology major, and Sarah Dawson, freshman undecided major, change their room around at least once a

said he thinks people believe in a little strange because of his decorations.

Mosler said he has studied occult since the fifth grade.

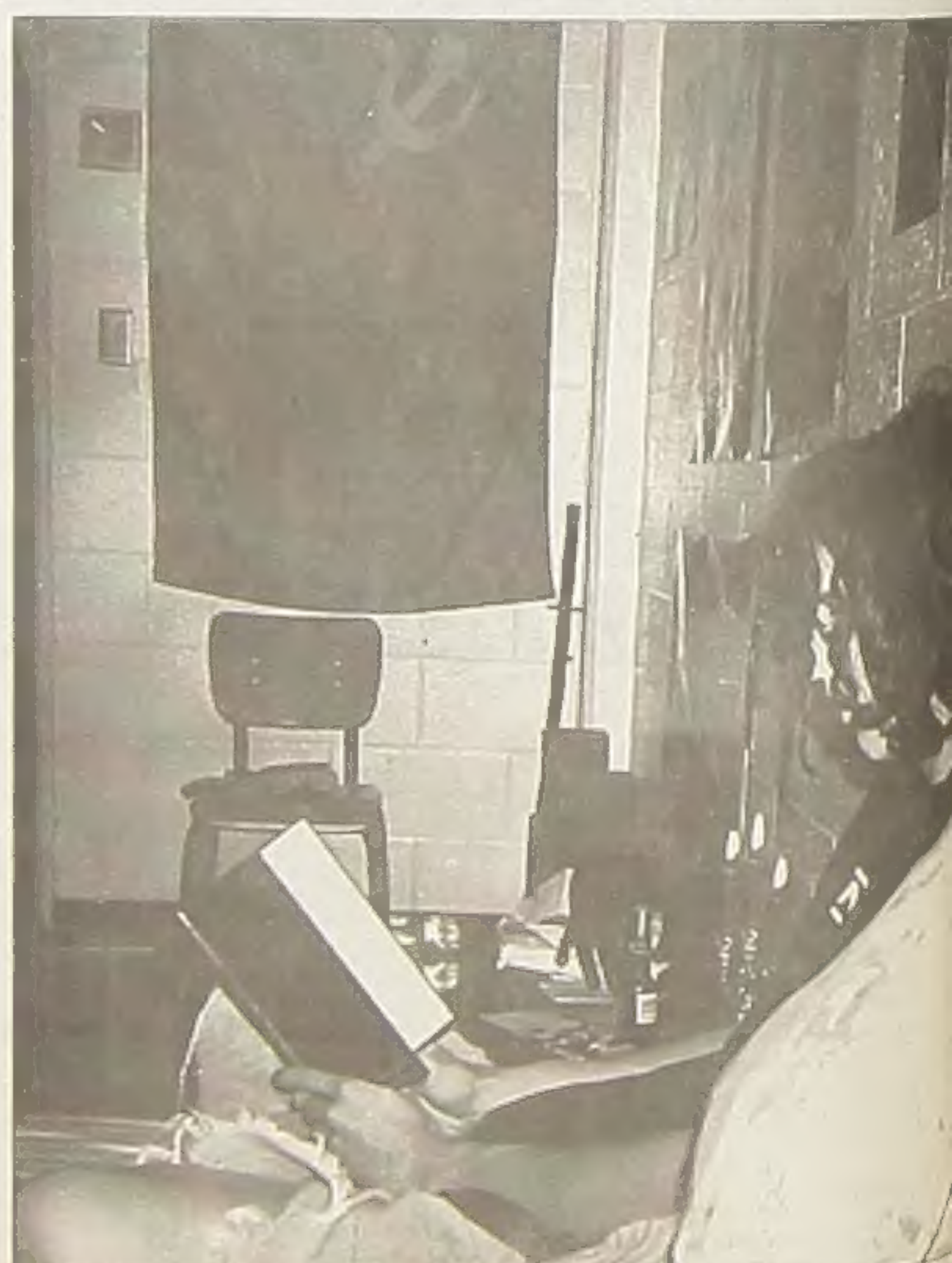
"Occult is anything mysterious," he said.

"That's the style that interests me the most, and I want to be perceived that way."

"I have nothing to do with Satan," Mosler said. □



Stephanie Plemons, freshman undecided major, unpacks her suitcase in her decorated room located in Headlee Hall after taking a weekend trip with friends. Plemons, a native of Dallas, Texas, is a forward on the Lady Lions basketball squad.



Freshman Jason Mosler reads a book and listens to the dark sounds of techno-alternative band Nine Inch Nails in Blaine Hall. Mosler said he is a student of the occult, but not a Satanist.